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THE LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB JOURNAL

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LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT MOUNT BALDY 147.060 (-600) FP
VE3TBR ST. JOSEPH'S 146.820 (-600) FP
442.075 (+5 MHz)
VE3BGA HILLCREST H.S. 145.450 (-600)
(IRLP NODE VA3LU 123.0 Hz)

The Prez Sez:

Well first I hope you had a good summer. And I also hope you had some time to play with antennas or radio in one of its forms.

I managed to get out a few times to the bush and dragged along my K1 and set up in the field and had a blast. If it's something you have never done you should give it a try.

One of the other neat things about amateur radio is the ability to meet new old friends. I usually operate cw but one night I decided to check into the transprovincial net on 40M. The net control said he had lived in Thunder Bay and we started to talk. I asked him where in the city he lived. Being an older man I assume he said he lived in Fort William. So did I. He lived in Westfort. So did I. He lived on West Christina Street. I lived on Brown St. We lived around the corner from each other. Although he was not a ham when he was here we did know some of the "old names" from each others block. It was a great QSO and one I will remember for a while. All because I decided to try a mode I do not normally use.

Why not fire up the rig and check into the Northwest Ontario Phone Net, or try a new mode, who knows you may meet an old new friend as well.

I hope to see you at the first meeting of the LARC as well this year.

73

Bill
VE3XT

Minutes of a meeting
of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club
June 10, 2004

Held in Room 191, Confederation College

The meeting called to order by the President. **Bill Unger, VE3XT** at 7:40 PM

The minutes of the May 13 meeting were accepted on a motion by **Bob Gillespie, VE3BHN**, seconded by **Dan Darling, VE3DWP**. Carried.

The Treasurer's Report as submitted by **Ed Baumann, VE3SNW**, showed a bank balance of \$3,781.07 as of May 31. On a motion by **Ed, VE3SNW**, seconded by **Bob, VE3BHN**, the report was accepted.

Some of those present indicated that they were still not receiving High-Q by either mail method. **Glen, VE3ICY** wanted to hear from them as soon as possible and he will gladly investigate, to get them on the e-mail mailout list.

The official opening of the trailer has been set for Sunday, July 18, 1:30 PM at Hillcrest Park. Dignitaries were to be invited. A coffee reception would follow at St. John Centre on Fort William Road.

Under new business, **Mark Vaillant, VA3MVR**, mentioned that T-shirts with the Club 70th Anniversary logo were to be ordered by September at a price of \$32 each. **Glen Wallace, VE3ICY** would send out reminders via e-mail.

John Sacek, VA3JMS, as the official Can-Warn representative, thought that a letter to Can-Warn that refresher courses, such as we had at the end of May, would be a great idea on an annual basis. The presentation by Environment Canada was well received. John also had a few "Made-in-China" screwdrivers available.

The Triathlon was set up, with the Kids of Steel, Friday evening, July 16 and the full triathlon on Saturday, July 17 for adults.

Ed, VE3SNW suggested that an article for RAC on this event, with photographs, would be a good follow-up, if a volunteer came forward.

Field Day was next on the agenda. First, how many were interested in participating actively? **Brad Harris, VE3MXJ** suggested that it should go regardless of many showed up.

Mark, VA3MVR suggested regular announcements via radio or e-mail as reminders.

Ed, VE3SNW thought a newspaper classified ad could get some attention.

Bill, VE3XT put forth the idea of a mini-swapfest, and pot-luck supper with turkey and all the trimmings.

Veteran Field Day types were unanimous that enthusiasm was the key to success.

A motion was put forth by **Joe Coghlan, VE3TBX**, that Field Day be held.

The site was to be the Vaillant farm on Oliver Road, rendezvous at 10 AM, Saturday, June 26.

Phil Moorey, VE3AXL suggested that a way to get youngsters interested in Ham Radio was to bring them out to meetings and any event where Hams are.

Lakehead Amateur Radio at Kids of Steel



Pictures Worth a Thousand Words



Central Fire Station Installation (Terry VE3LU, Mike VE3ZG, Randy VE3OJ)



Brad VE3MXJ, Chris VA3TBA, Bob VE3RVA, Mike VE3ZG, Mark VA3MVR, Joe VE3TBX.



Some of those who helped out at this years Conquer the Dog Triathlon. Clarence VE3WCW, Mark VA3MVR, Brad VE3MXJ, Leo VE3ATC, Marion VE3MJN and Joe VE3TBX.



The ribbon cutting ceremony of the official opening of our Mobile Communications Centre at Hillcrest Park by Mike VE3ZG, Keith VE3JQ, Councilor Rebecca Johnson, Bob VE3RVA and Mark VA3MVR.



Keith Fiske, VE3JQ cutting our 70th anniversary cake

Public Service

Summer is over! The last public service event of the season ended with the Conquer the Dog Triathlon being held on Saturday August 21. It is now time to prepare for the cooler temperatures, and if I may use the word, white stuff to cover the ground before too long. It has been a busy summer. July 16 and 17th saw Club members again providing their assistance to the Thunder Bay Triathlon. On the 18th of July, a ceremony was held at Hillcrest Park to officially inaugurate our new Mobile Communications Centre with City Councilor Rebecca Johnson assisting Bob Hansen in cutting the ribbon to mark the official opening. This was a double event, as the party moved from Hillcrest Park to the St. Johns Ambulance Centre for the celebration of the Club's 70th birthday. The highlight of the 70th anniversary was the cake cutting by Keith Fiske, who received his Amateur Licence 70 years ago, and is still active on the Amateur Bands. August first saw the second annual running of the Thunderwolves 20 miler and relay on the University grounds. Bob Hansen and crew utilized our Com Centre at this event as well, which saw an unregistered runner enter the race at mid point. A black female bear was a little perturbed at being interrupted in her hunt for food by fleet two-footed interlopers in her area. Fortunately, there was no great debate as to who had priority in the area, as the bear departed and the race continued. August 8th, Bob Hansen and crew again assisted the "Inline Skate for Hope" along Lakeshore Boulevard. As far as I know at present, the only remaining event for this year will be the Santa Claus parade in November. I am attaching pictures, showing some of the faithful members of the Club who have come out year after year to assist at these events. Many thanks to you all. I would also like to especially thank some of our very new members who have participated in the last few events, I certainly hope you enjoyed the experience and will carry on for many years.

Now I wish to announce that this will be my last column as a Public Service correspondent. In addition, I am also resigning as an event coordinator. I will still assist if asked at some of the events in which we participate, but I will leave the job of coordination to others from now on. There are a number of good people out there who are capable of doing the job in the future. Thank you, and see you at the meeting in September.

Mike VE3ZG (pictures from Mike and Marion)

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club Meeting

September 9, 2004 7:30 pm

Room 191, McIntyre Building

Confederation College



Field Day Group June



Field Day Turkey Deep Fry XT and Fal

Pictures from Bob Gillespie VE3BHN

Editor Says:

Having had a nice summer, mostly out at camp I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting. As the pictures show us, there was a lot of participation put in on Public events and Club events, everyone seems to have had a good time. Thank you to Mike Nawrocki VE3ZG, for all his hard work in organizing the participation in our public service functions over the last several years.

I have a good article by way of Bill Unger VE3XT next month on an HF antenna built out of a pair of crutches, I'm not kidding!

Thank you to those who sent pictures of the goings on so we could share some of the experience with the membership, and send articles to me at g.wallace3@shaw.ca

Thanks Again

Glen Wallace VE3ICY

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